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When José Luis Llovía Menéndez, a high-ranking member of the Castro Government, decided to defect in 1981, he found it a lot easier to get out of Cuba than into the United States. Officials at the American Embassies in Montreal and Venezuela refused to give him a visa because they didn't believe he was who he said he was. After a background check showed he was indeed the chief adviser to Cuba's Minister of Culture, Mr. Llovía was admitted in 1983 and was recently granted political asylum. In his first public statements, published last week, Mr. Llovía said Fidel Castro bore an obsessive dislike of America. "He hates its institutions, he hates its policies, he hates everybody here," the defector said. He described the Cuban leader as a quick thinker given to impulsive decisions that sometimes resulted in fiascos.